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STATEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE CONTINUE TO COOPERATE ON INVESTIGATIONS

In recent weeks, news organizations have broadcast reports that the U.S. Attorney's Office has subpoenaed a number of City officials and employees to testify before the Grand Jury about the City's financial practices, which have left San Diego in a precarious fiscal situation. These images convey the reality and seriousness of the ongoing investigations into these practices.

On March 8, the City Council, in an action supported by the City Attorney, appointed an audit committee to oversee a thorough and independent investigation of the City's financial disclosure practices. City Attorney Michael Aguirre assured the citizens of San Diego today that he will continue to back the creation and work of this committee and that he is committed to full cooperation with their efforts.

"Lynn Turner, who heads the committee, and I support each other's independent investigative efforts, and we agree that our relationship will not impinge on the obligation of the City Attorney's Office to speak to the public at appropriate times about the progress of the investigation," said City Attorney Aguirre. "Even though I will not be a signatory to the audit committee's March 8 letter, I pledge to abide by the spirit of mutual respect and collaborative action that it urges."

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